

**Northern Monroe County Fire Protection Territory
Executive Committee Meeting
NMCFPT-Bloomington Township Station, 5081 N Old State Rd. 37, Bloomington IN.
November 2, 2016 MINUTES**

Meeting called to order at 5:40pm

Committee Members Present: Lillian Henegar (BT), Kim Alexander (BT), Geoff McKim (BT), Clayton Brickert (WT), Barb Ooley (WT), Mike Baker (WT)

Committee Members Absent: None

NMCFPT/BT Staff Present: Lisa Myers, Matt Bright, Joel Bomgardner

Members of the Public Present: None

- 1) Approval of meeting agenda: Motion to Approve by Kim Alexander with a second by Geoff McKim. Motion passed.
- 2) Approval of minutes: Motion to Approve minutes without change by McKim with second by Alexander. Motion passed.
- 3) **New Business**
 - a. There was no new business.
- 4) **Old Business**
 - a. Territory apparatus schedule was discussed. In order to bring the committee up to date with regards to fire apparatus, a report was provided by Chief Bomgardner and Deputy Chief Bright regarding the current status of the fire apparatus fleet and upcoming and expected needs.
 - i. Description of different apparatus types and the functions that they are expected to perform including need for tankers to haul. Discussion ensued about the expected service life of the various apparatus.
 - ii. Discussion about how the ability to haul/pump water affects the ISO rating for the area.
 - iii. Discussion about the change to and benefits of using compressed air foam for fire suppression, which lowers property damage.
 - iv. Committee work is in place to replace current Engine 53 with a new rescue/engine combination to place in service at the new Washington Township fire station.
 - i. Potential plans for paying for new apparatus include: A) Equipment replacement fund, B) Regular loan, C) USDA loan.

- ii. McKim asked if the equipment replacement fund can be used as the funding source to pay back a loan. Lisa Myers advised that she believed that it could be.
- v. The long term equipment replacement schedule was discussed including the projected cost, and increasing vehicle costs associated with inflation. Bomgardner reported that a new engine chassis is expected to cost around \$60,000 more in the coming year.
- vi. Further discussion concerned expensive apparatus such as ladder trucks and how mutual aid is provided between the departments when apparatus are out of service.
- vii. Lillian Henegar discussed the importance and quality of the fire department maintenance program which has kept the fleet running and good shape over the years.

5) Updates and Reports

- a. Chief Bomgardner discussed the recent meeting with Cook Group Properties. He pointed out that Cook Group had personnel on staff who have designed a fire station in the past. Bomgardner said that Cook Group offered to do a design, build, lease project in order to construct a fire station in Washington Township on the property located off of Simpson Chapel Road. Bomgardner pointed out the architects were receptive to all ideas presented during the meeting. In addition, staff shared that Cook is 100% on board with the fire station project and the potential for a very low cost 99 year lease. Currently, Cook Group architect George Ridgeway is working on doing a rough drawing for a fire station.
 - i Deputy Chief Bright reported on his attendance at the Fire Station Design Symposium. He elaborated on filling out a building worksheet prior to the meeting with Ridgeway. The worksheet outlined the building needs of the fire department in order to get an estimate of the size and construction of a potential fire station.
 - ii Chief Bomgardner outlined that this partnership could move the timeline up for fire station realization as much as two years perhaps to late 2017 or early 2018.
 - iii Chief Bomgardner expressed appreciation for the work that Baker has put into making a new Washington Township Fire Station a reality. He and Henegar further outlined that things so far have been falling into serendipitous line.
 - iv Barb Ooley pointed out the need to have a Trustee's office instead of keeping records at an individual home. Chief Bomgardner advised that this had been included as an integrated part of the requested new fire station design.

- v The next step in the project is to meet again with the architects from Cook Group and begin to work on revisions to come up with a finalized building plan.
- b. Chief Bomgardner advised that he and Deputy Chief Bright would be attending a Fire Officer IV training, and Bright would be attending Fire Officer III. The class is difficult to obtain here in the state, and with attending the class there is a potential of offering it here locally in the future.
- c. Chief Bomgardner talked about the department Fitness and Wellness Program. The physicals have been stepped up, and the facility will be tobacco free as of January 1, 2017. Program features include:
 - i All employees will be required to work out 30 minutes for every 12 hours worked, and fitness logs will be given out for members to keep track.
 - ii Bi-annual cardiac stress testing will be added to the physical exams for paid staff members.
 - iii Job performance (physical agility) testing will be done.
 - iv Increased focus on cancer prevention in the firehouse including doing some cancer screenings as part of the physical. Bomgardner noted that some instances of cancer in firefighters are 60% higher than for the rest of the general population. Cancer reduction measures have been implemented including on-scene decontamination of firefighting turnout gear.
 - v A hire-to-retire program is being worked on which will help to address issues including health, finances, retirement pre-planning, education, etc.
 - vi Henegar pointed out that the Chiefs have been preparing staff for the upcoming tobacco free deadline since July 1st. Bomgardner reported that all full time staff have voluntarily complied with the program already.
- d. Deputy Chief Bright reported on a trench rescue equipment donation. The equipment had been purchased from White River Township in Johnson County several years ago but had not been used due to changes in the State mandated training requirements. Perry Clear Creek has several of the pre-requisites for the training required to use the equipment, and has offered to take on trench rescue as a capability, and make it available to the county. This is similar to the City doing Confined Space Rescue and NMFT doing Hazardous Materials. Chief Bomgardner pointed out the importance of being experts in a single specialty rather than mediocre in several areas.
- e. Chief Bomgardner and Deputy Chief Bright reported that they had followed up with the USDA about the potential of grant funding and long term low interest loans for both a future building and apparatus purchase.
- f. Chief Bomgardner provided a brief report on fire prevention activities over the last few months.

- g. Chief Bomgardner reported that the first new hire has been made and has begun working for the department. Ryan Fipps has been hired.
- h. A brief run statistics summary was provided for the last month by Chief Bomgardner.
- i. Henegar advised she would not be at the next meeting as she would be out of town. Clayton Brickert will be the chair of the next meeting. Chiefs will be distributing the agenda and taking minutes.

6) Public Comment

- a. No public members were present.

7) Adjournment

- a. Next e-committee meeting is December 7. Henegar advised she would not be at the next meeting as she would be out of town. Clayton Brickert will be the chair of the next meeting. Chiefs will be distributing the agenda and taking minutes.
- b. Alexander made a motion to adjourn and McKim seconded. All in favor.
- c. Meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Barb Ooley, Secretary
NMCFT, Executive Committee

Matthew Bright, Deputy Chief